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Security Council

10 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Liberia (sanctions review) (S/2006/976)

UNMIL (S/2006/958)

Other matters

3 p.m.	5598th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. General issues relating to sanctions

Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Non-proliferation

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5598th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixth-first session

3.15 p.m.	81st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/61/436) [41]
2. Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/61/437) [60]
3. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/61/438) [61]
4. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/61/439) [63]
5. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/61/440) [64]
6. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/61/441) [65]
7. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/61/442) [66]
8. Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443) [67]
   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.1)

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(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.2)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.3)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.4)

9. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/61/448, A/61/448/Corr.1 and A/61/448/Corr.2) [68]

10. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/61/444) [98]

11. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/61/445) [99]

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/61/446) [110]

13. Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/61/447) [118]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007)

Capital master plan (A/61/549, A/61/5 (Vol. V), A/61/595, A/61/264 (Part I), A/61/263 (Part I)/Add.1, A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2, A/60/288, A/60/5 (Vol. V), A/58/556, A/58/712, A/59/161, A/59/420 and A/59/556)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/61/525, A/61/525/Add.1, A/61/525/Add.2, A/61/525/Add.3, A/61/525/Add.3/Corr.1, A/61/525/Add.4, A/61/525/Add.5, A/61/357 and A/61/640)

First performance report for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/593, A/61/593/Add.1 and A/61/635)

Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479)

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational for and first substantive session of 2006 (A/61/370 and A/61/498); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first, second and third special sessions in 2006 (A/61/530 and A/61/530/Add.1); Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1: Situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/61/14 and A/61/613); and Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body (A/C.5/61/10)

Agend item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/61/576 and A/61/615))

Agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/61/30, A/61/381, A/61/484, A/60/723, A/60/30, A/60/30/Corr.1, A/59/263/Add.1, A/60/209, A/59/30 (Vol.II), A/59/153 and A/59/399))

Agenda item 126 (United Nations pension system (A/61/9, A/C.5/61/2 and A/61/545))

Agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5, A/60/846/Add.5/Corr.1 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

Agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

Agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/34 and A/60/659))

Agenda item 127 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/61/214 (Part 1), A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.1, A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.2, A/61/61 and A/61/61/Add.1))

6 p.m. . . . . Informal "informal" consultations (closed). . . . . Conference Room 5

All issues not concluded from above

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. UN-Habitat: proposed work programme and budget for 2008-2009

2. Special political missions — Nepal

Announcements

United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

There will be a special event in observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, *today*, 19 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

An opening statement will be made by the President of the General Assembly, followed by statements by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China.

A high-level panel discussion, on the theme "New dynamics of South-South and triangular partnerships for development", will take place with the participation of Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Social and Economic Affairs; The Hon. Ms. Nadezhada Mihaylova, Member of Parliament and former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; and Mr. Daniel Runde, Director, Office of Global Development Alliances, U.S. Agency for International Development. The Panel will be moderated by the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa.

The high-level panel discussion will be followed by the South-South Partnership Awards ceremony.

All are invited to attend.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

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Informal consultations of the members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, to discuss the non-paper from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission entitled "Drawing on the experiences of post-conflict countries" (at the expert level) (convened by the delegation of El Salvador)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 19 December 2006

UNITAR/UNU Seminar on "The role and functions of the Secretary-General of the United Nations"

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

10.30 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting ..... Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Tuesday, 19 December 2006

Panel discussion on "Malaria: A preventable killer" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Capera Clement, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4216; e-mail clementcb@state.gov).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 19 December 2006

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. ..... Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 20 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 82nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/61/448, para. 28, draft resolution I) [68]

3 p.m. 83rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/61/418) [40]
2. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/61/432)[1] [42]
3. Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/419) [50]
4. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420) [51]
   (a) International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420/Add.1)
   (b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420/Add.2)
   (c) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420/Add.3)
   (d) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420/Add.4)
5. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/421) [52]
6. Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422) [53]
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.1)
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.2)
   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.3)
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.4)

[1] To be issued.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.5)

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/61/422/Add.6)

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session: report of the Second Committee (A/61/420/Add.7)

7. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/61/423) . . . . . [54]

8. Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424) [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424/Add.1)

(b) International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424/Add.2)

(c) Culture and development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424/Add.3)

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424/Add.4)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/61/424/Add.5)

9. Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/61/425) [56]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/61/425/Add.1)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/61/425/Add.2)

10. Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/61/426) . . . . . [57]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/61/426/Add.1)

(b) Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/61/426/Add.2)

11. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) . . . . . [58]

12. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/61/428) . . . . . [59]

(a) United Nations University: report of the Second Committee (A/61/428/Add.1)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Second Committee (A/61/428/Add.2)

13. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Second Committee (A/61/429) [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: report of the Second Committee (A/61/429/Add.1)

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Second Committee (A/61/429Add.2)

14. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/61/430) [110]

15. Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/61/431) [118]

16. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/61/L.11/Rev.2) [44]

17. Oceans and the law of the sea: draft resolution (A/61/L.30) [71 (a)]

18. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [108]

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: draft resolution (A/61/L.43)

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/61/L.49)

19. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/61/L.39/Rev.1) [113]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 35th meeting on Wednesday, 20 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the formal meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5. It will also hold informal "informal" consultations (closed) at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The first regular session of the Executive Board will take place from 16 to 18 January 2007 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than *Friday, 5 January 2007.*

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 19 January, and Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2007

The first regular session 2007 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 23 January, to Friday, 26 January 2007, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2007/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but no later than *11 January 2007*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Tuesday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 19 January, and Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Thursday, 11 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Arab Group

Thursday, 21 December 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Asian Group (informal briefing on the working of the Security Council)

Thursday, 21 December 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

United Nations Development Programme (second informal consultation on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflit-affected countries)

Thursday, 4 January 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

International Expert Group Meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity's international regime on access and benefit-sharing and indigenous peoples' human rights (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 17, to Friday 19 January 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this Expert Group Meeting are kindly requested to confirm their participation by *Wednesday, 10 January 2007*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail smallacombe@un.org).]

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council **Daily informal briefings**

As from Tuesday, 5 December 2006, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 15 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

80th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/61/L.45) [69]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/61/L.42, A/61/L.44 and A/61/L.46)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/61/L.47)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 69 and its sub-items (a) and (d).

Statements in explanation of vote after adoption were made by the representatives of Israel, Australia, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a) and (d) of agenda item 69.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 69.

Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/227/Add.1) [105 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 105.

Since there was only one candidate for one of two vacancies from amongst the Western European and other States, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401, to the election on the basis of dispensing with the secret ballot.

The General Assembly thus appointed France as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 105.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [106 (f)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment of Belarus as a member of the Committee on Conferences for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2007.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 106.

Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [106 (g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointments of Estonia, Jordan, Mexico, Norway and Sudan as members of the Consultative Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2007.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 106.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

32nd meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [129]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [130]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/586, A/61/585 and A/61/522).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/633 and A/61/591).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Rwanda and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these items would begin on that day, Friday, 15 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Abraham Quezada (Chile).

33rd meeting — *Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007* [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1: Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the programme budget implications of the draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1 (A/C.5/61/13/Rev.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which was subsequently issued as document A/61/641.

The Committee then proceeded to take a recorded vote on the oral draft decision.

The oral draft decision was approved, by a vote of 128 to 5, with 1 abstention.

After the adoption of the oral draft decision, the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Economic and Social Council

2006 resumed substantive session

48th meeting — *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [1]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

(a) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

Following a statement by the President, the Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to its 2007 organizational session.

(b) Application of intergovernmental organizations for observer status with the Council

International Emergency Management Organization

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Secretary of the Council made a statement.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the application to its 2007 organizational session.

Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

The Council was informed that the application had been withdrawn.

(c) Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected Grenada and Honduras, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the forty-first session of the Commission in 2007, and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fourth session in 2011.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asian States and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the forty-first session of the Commission in 2007, and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fourth session in 2011.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected Belgium and Turkey, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Council elected Israel, the Philippines and the Syrian Arab Republic, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

The Council further postponed the election of two members from African States and two members from Eastern European States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected the Czech Republic, Lesotho and Malaysia, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007 and further postponed the election of two members from African States for the same term of office.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected Italy, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007 and further postponed the election of three members from Latin American and Caribbean States for the same term of office.

The Council was reminded of a leftover vacancy on the Governing Council for one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.

Casual vacancies

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected Barbara Wilson (Switzerland), by acclamation, to the Committee for a term beginning 1 January 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2008, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Giorgio Malinverni (Switzerland).

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Council took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Nobuyuki Nakamura (Japan) and Eduardo Zaidensztat Capnikcas (Uruguay) to the Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 30 June 2009, to fill vacancies arising from the resignation of Yoshiki Takeuchi (Japan) and Talmon de Paula Freitas (Brazil).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

The Council was informed that Sweden was resigning its seat on the Executive Board effective 1 January 2007. The Council then elected Denmark to complete Sweden's term of office (expiring 31 December 2009).

Other vacancies

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected the Czech Republic and re-elected Indonesia, by acclamation, for a term beginning on 1 January 2007 and expiring on 22 June 2008, to fill vacancies arising from the expiration of the terms of two members of the Economic and Social Council (Poland and Indonesia) that were elected to the Organizational Committee.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on 1 January 2007 and expiring on 22 June 2008 to replace Belgium, whose term as a member of the Economic and Social Council also expires on 31 December 2006.

Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

(a) Sustainable development

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

The Vice-President (Haiti) made a statement.

Action on draft decision E/2006/L.38

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Oral decision on recommendation 2

The Council adopted an oral decision to defer consideration of recommendation 2 to its 2007 organizational session.

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on the draft resolution contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session

The Vice-President (Lithuania) made a statement.

Action on draft decision E/2006/L.39

The Council, after being informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implication, adopted the draft decision.

Subsequently, the Council decided to defer consideration of the pending issues contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to its 2007 organizational session.

Social and human rights questions: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [14 (h)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on recommendations contained in the report of Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session

The Secretary of the Council read out an oral statement on financial implications.

Draft decision I

Following the adoption of draft decision I by the Council, the representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

Draft decision II

Following the adoption of the theme for the 2007 coordination segment at the end of the meeting, and upon the proposal by the President, the Council decided to not take action on draft decision II.

Draft decision III

Upon the proposal by the President, the Council amended and adopted draft decision III.

Draft decision IV

The Council adopted the draft decision.

In light of the action taken by the Council on the draft decisions contained in the report, the Council took note of the report and thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 14 (g).

Follow-up to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in his capacity as facilitator.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the focus of the 2007 thematic discussion and the theme for the 2007 Annual Ministerial Review to the first meeting of its 2007 organizational session.

The Council then adopted the theme for the 2007 coordination segment.

Action on draft decision E/2006/L.40

Following the statement by the Vice-President (Lithuania), the Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Closure of the 2006 resumed substantive session

The President made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guinea and South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Monday, 18 December 2006

Security Council

5597th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/962)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Serge Brammertz, Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Brammertz.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

34th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report for the biennium 2006-2007

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/593 and A/61/593/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/635).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Brazil, Egypt, Pakistan, Guatemala and Cuba.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohammad Muhith (Bangladesh).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organizational for and first substantive session of 2006

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first, second and third special sessions in 2006

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1: Situation of human rights in Myanmar

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the revised estimates of documents A/61/370, A/61/530 and A/61/530/Add.1 and the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1 (A/C.5/61/14).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/498 and A/61/613) and an oral report on the Human Rights Council.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these reports.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these reports would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Nor Dine Sadouk (Morocco).

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/525, A/61/525/Add.1, A/61/525/Add.2, A/61/525/Add.3, A/61/525/Add.3/Corr.1, A/61/525/Add.4 and A/61/525/Add.5).

The Acting Director of the Internal Audit Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/61/357).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/640).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan and South Africa.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Monday, 18 December, under the chairmanship of Mr. Brendan Siluka Kabuku (Namibia).

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste . . . . . [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.11, which had been coordinated by the representative of Greece, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 15 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/598).

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement.

The representative of the Sudan also made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Japan also made statements.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Resumed session

194th meeting

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, which had considered the revised draft model memorandum of understanding between the United Nations and [participating State] contributing to [the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation] (A/61/494), and the draft United Nations policy statement and draft United Nations comprehensive strategy on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel (A/60/877).

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations then introduced the draft report on its resumed session, which was adopted by the Committee. It was decided that the report would be incorporated, at a later date, in the Special Committee's report of its spring substantive session.

The Special Committee thus concluded its 2006 resumed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (12 December 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations. Rome, 26 October 1961

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 16. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of: I. Safety-belts, restraint systems, child restraint systems and isofix child restraint systems for occupants of power-driven vehicles II. Vehicles equipped with safety-belts, restraint systems, child restraint systems and isofix child restraint systems. 1 December 1970

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 16: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 51. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles having at least four wheels with regard to their noise emissions. 15 July 1982

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 51: (4 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Regulation No. 69. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of rear marking plates for slow-moving vehicles (by construction) and their trailers. 15 May 1987

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 69: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 78. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of category L with regard to braking. 15 October 1988

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 78: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 80. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of seats of large passenger vehicles and of these vehicles with regard to the strength of the seats and their anchorages. 23 February 1989

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 80: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 81. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of rear-view mirrors of two-wheeled power-driven vehicles with or without side car, with regard to the mounting of rear-view mirrors on handlebars. 1 March 1989

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 81: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 87. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of daytime running lamps for power-driven vehicles. 1 November 1990

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 87: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 88. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of retroreflective tyres for two-wheeled vehicles. 10 April 1991

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 88: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 97. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicle alarm systems (VAS) and of motor vehicles with regard to their alarm systems (AS). 1 January 1996

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 97: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 98. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicle headlamps equipped with gas-discharge light sources. 15 April 1996

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 98: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 101. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of passenger cars powered by an internal combustion engine only, or powered by a hybrid electric power train with regard to the measurement of the emission of carbon dioxide and fuel consumption and/or the measurement of electric energy consumption and electric range, and of categories M1 and N1 vehicles powered by an electric power train only with regard to the measurement of electric energy consumption and electric range. 1 January 1997

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 101: (4 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Regulation No. 104. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of retro-reflective markings for heavy and long vehicles and their trailers. 15 January 1998

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 104: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 105. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles intended for the carriage of dangerous goods with regard to their specific constructional features. 7 May 1998

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 105: (4 December 2006)[1]

Regulation No. 110. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of: I. Specific components of motor vehicles using compressed natural gas (CNG) in their propulsion system; II. Vehicles with regard to the installation of specific components of an approved type for the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) in their propulsion system. Geneva, 28 December 2000

Proposal of amendments to Regulation No. 110: (4 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Niger
H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mrs. Mirjana Mladineo

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Rouse

Western European and other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri

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A/61/631	Item 115 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/641	Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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